

Letter as Rival Is Only His Ward in School.

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Benz started away. years. She had been separated from in the darkness. her husband for fourteen or fifteen years. he said. Phelps is superintendent of girl's body was taken back to the mother's. Then Barrett came on from Detroit, and made to wear.

Pinned inside her corsage, next her bonds to keep the peace. They have heart, was the photograph of Phelps and lived apart since and she said she was

mitted suicide. She was a woman of 30, of considerable beauty and well dressed.

In the farmhouse with Phelps at the a fourteen-yaer-old girl who was being of Simon, Pedler and Soldier. seminary for girls at Highland Falls, by Phelps, who calls her his ward. Phelps said this girl must have been the one meant by Mrs. Palimer in her two notes, as she probably had confused the last name of a former housekeeper in his brother's household, a Mrs. Lanthere, with Electra Scribner. Phelps's brother Aivin, who lives in the house, was away over New Year's visiting an older brother, and the girl and her guardian were left alone.

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and fought until the close of the war, when he was mustered out as a sergeant. There was some doubt, based on the age he swore to when he enlisted. The surrogate says: "Declarations of one's age are apt to differ with times or seasons, or as the person is vain or interested. We cannot rest forever on mere negations of probabilities themselves and come to some constitutions when my wife and family were away for the summer. She did not know her but knew of her and knew that it boarded there.

"Mrs. Palmer and her husband separated fourteen or fifteen years ago. He was Henry Palmer, a boatman on the Ulster and Delaware Canal, and is acw living at either Centreville or Circleville in Ulster county I don't know why they separated.

Mrs. Palmer was in comfortable cir-of \$20,000 worth of gold bullion.

The watchman and several employees

She had often visited me at the farm of the mine have been arrested.

WOMAN TAKES LIFE

ON FRIEND'S PORCH

In Newburgh, where we would go off into the hills for walks on Sundays. The last time I saw her was on the day before Thanksgiving a the farm in Newburgh. Phelps said that his relations with Electra Scribner had been those of guardian to ward. He had met her last July, he said, at Palmville, where she was visiting. Her mother was Mrs. Sarah A Scribner of Dundee, N.Y. He had decided to send the girl to the Lady Clift Seminary as she was a poor girl. She had entered the school at the fall term.

It was said at the Lady Clift School at Highland Falls that the girl had been brought to the school by Phelps and was formerly a studen there, but was no longer in the school. No further explanation would be given.

TRAGIC SEQUEL OF DANCE

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Man Says Girl Mentioned in AIMS AT WIFE, KILLS CHILD. Detroit Young Man's Memories, Man Arrested After Girl Gives Life for Her Mother.

Bertha Elizabeth Reinen, 14 years old, while shielding her mother was shot NEWBURGH, N. Y., Jan. t. About 40 to death by her stepfather, George Benz, o clock ou New Year's eye Charles V. 52 years old, of 1510 Gates avenue, Brook- year-old boy shot a girl of his own age with Phelps, who with his brother, Alvin, owns lyn, in the streets of Glendale, L. 1, as whom he was in love, then committed a farm at Balmville, a few miles north of she was returning from a New Year's suicide in front of the First Presbyterian Newburgh, hurried into the Newburgh police headquarters and said a woman had shot and killed herself on the porch of his house. While he was in the house he had heard two shots fired outside, he said, and heard two shots fired outside, he said, and heard two shots fired outside, he said. had heard two shots fired outside, he said, and had found the woman lying on the steps of the veranda, dead, when he went head near the right temple. She died between the followed shooting, was visiting his grandmother, who lives here, for the holidays. The head near the right temple. She died between the followed shooting, was visiting his grandmother.

ently was a stranger, but on closer questioning by the police he identified the years old, of 68 George street and William tive and he and the girl started a correbody as that of Mrs. Minnie L. Palmer, Scior. 17 years old, of Wyckoff avenue, spondence when the holidays were over. who he said lived at Croton and whom who were with Bertha and her mother. After a few months, however, her letters he had known by sight for a number of started in pursuit. Benz eluded them became less frequent, and although

other of herself, were found on the body of Mrs. Palmer. The picture of the woman was on a postcard in an envelope adHer first husband, whose name was dressed to Phelps at Ossining. On the reverse side of the card there was this note:

I hope you don't break any more hearts as you have broken mine. I hope you and Miss Lanthier are happy. I hope and pray you will soffer as I have before you die.
It was signed "Minnie."

Pinned inside her corsage, next her heart was the photograph of Phelps and the first husband, whose name was Reinen had died about a year before she married Benz. They quarrelled from the first day of their marriage, according to her story told yesterday. Three months after their marriage he left her and she had him arrested on a charge of abandonment, when, she says, he threatened to kill her and she withdrew the action. In June last she had him arrested again and he was put under \$500 bonds to keep the peace. They have

heart, was the photograph of Phelps and on the back of it this note:

1 am in the way after niving the past sixteen years. I am broken hearted. He has another, chlectra Lanther from Ohio has taken my place in his heart, so I expect I will be put out of the way as I have been warned I would. I am ready and waiting My heart is with him and no one eise. MINNIE PALMER Coroner Frederick G. Buss and County Detective William H. Moore, who had these notes, believe Mrs. Palmer committed suicide. She was a woman of 30,

### HEIRS IN GERMANY WIN.

August Simon, who was an Australian

and the girl and her guardian were left alone.

The Phelps farmhouse is in a region of farms, just beyond the suburban residence section of Newburga. Mrs. Paimer had not been at the house yesterday, evening before the shots were heard, said Phelps.

Phelps as man of 55. He has a wife and four children and lives with his faint of our children and lives with his faint of the case, reported against the claimants, who his attention at Ossining, to which he had returned from Newburgh in the morning.

"I know of no reason why Mrs. Palmer should have killed herself," he said "There is nothing between us that would Have killed herself on account of our children and the country of the history of the high of the hig

the Guadalupe mine at Inde, this State,

Revived at Party in Waverly, Prompt the Deed.

met Nina Lawrence, who is one of the Benz started away, first at a brisk walk leaders among the young people here, Barrett continued writing the answers Word was sent to the police and the from the girl finally stopped.

the Chilmark estate at Ossining, N. Y. a few miles distant from Croton, where the woman lived.

Two photographs, one of Phelps and the with five chilmark and the work of the

mother for another day at Waverly and \$18.

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ately by another. As he reached the door he saw the boy fall. He found the two children lying almost

at the first shot and the other bullets had gone over her. The first shot had struck her in the cheek and lodged somewhere in the back of her throat. Barrett wa-taken to his grandmother's home and there he died at 9 o'clock on Sunday night.

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who stopped attending classes about the
middle of last October, and whose friends

middle of last October, and whose friends advertised for him, has turned up and spent yesterday with his family in Boston. His father is an officer of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company at Quincy, Mass.

Wellington reappeared by dropping in two days before Christmas at 156 West Sixty-fifth street, where lives Marcellus T. Hayes, a lawyer of 149 Broadway, who had been his roommate. He told Hayes that after an interval of which he

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